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SHELTON CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Two major events will be held this month as part of Shelton's Black History Month celebration. Thursday, February 15, Cordell Wynn spoke to faculty, staff and students on the Martin Campus.

JIMMY LEE SUDDUTH TO EXHIBIT AT SHELTON AS PART OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Well-known Alabama artist Jimmy Lee Sudduth will exhibit some of his works at Shelton State Community College during February as part of the college's Black History Month activities. The exhibit will be in the National Bank of Commerce Art Gallery, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, February 19, a reception honoring Sudduth will be held at the college outside the gallery from 1 - 4 p.m. The exhibit and the reception for Sudduth are free and open to the public.

A resident of Fayette, Alabama, Sudduth has his work featured in the Fayette Art Museum. The artist, who is over 90 years of age, has had exhibits in the Birmingham Museum of Art, the prestigious American Primitive Gallery in New York City, the Joe Tarrt Gallery in Washington, D.C. and

other galleries found across the United States. In 1976 Sudduth was one of two black Alabama artists invited to the Smithsonian Institution's Bicentennial Festival of American Folk life in Washington.

Resourceful in obtaining art materials, Sudduth concocts his own painting materials from red, white, and yellow clay. He also makes green paints from boiling jimson-weed and dark stains from walnut shells.

COLLEGE DEDICATES UMPHREY CENTER

Saturday, February 24, the college will dedicate the "Umphrey Center" in honor of former president Tom Umphrey and his family. The dedication will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the college's gymnasium in conjunction with the Shelton State/Bevill State basketball games.

During his years as president of the college, Umphrey received the Distinguished Leadership in Higher Education Award and National Pacesetter of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, and was president of the Alabama College Association. Under his

leadership, Shelton was successfully merged with C.A. Fredd Technical College. He also helped with the merger between the Alabama State Fire College and the Alabama Fire Fighters' Personnel Standards and Education Committee. Under his leadership, the Martin Campus was completed in 1997. Dr. Umphrey retired as president of the college in August 2000 and was named President Emeritus in September 2000.

NEW INITIATIVES IN SHELTON'S BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY PROGRAM

When Rick Rogers became president of Shelton State Community College last fall, he announced plans for the college to place a new and stronger emphasis on technical education. To accomplish this goal, one of his first acts was to restructure Shelton's business and industry program.

According to Rogers, it is important for Shelton State to meet the needs of business and industry in this rapidly changing society. "Over the next few years the college will place a major emphasis on developing partnerships with businesses,

manufacturing, and community organizations. By forming these partnerships we believe we can train, retrain and strengthen our existing work force to meet the training needs of this area," Rogers said.

Shelton began its first training program for business and industry in 1988 with the construction of the Morrison Training Center, a metal building at the back of the college's old 15th Street Campus. The Morrison Center housed the young, fledgling program which quickly grew and expanded, needing more space as Shelton broke ground in 1994 for its new campus.

In 1996 when the college moved to the new Martin Campus, the program for business and industry moved to new facilities and became the Center for Advanced Productivity. In planning for the future, Rogers expanded the program this fall and added a new program coordinator, Steve Fair, who became the director of Shelton's Training for Business and Industry (TBI) program.

According to Fair, TBI is now beginning to diversify its curriculum to meet the training needs of any size or type of business in our area. "We will offer a wide range of training from basic courses such as reading, writing and communications to high tech specific training. Shelton plans to add new programs as needed," according to Fair.

"We plan to offer

services to make companies more productive. Studies show a strong correlation between employee training and retention," Fair said.

"People are beginning to hear a lot about Work Keys now," Fair adds. "Work Keys is a new program for West Alabama, and its purpose is to help develop a world class work force for this area. Ultimately, through this program, we hope businesses and educators will better understand each other's needs.

"Work Keys will be the community's resource," Fair said. "The Work Keys program, offered through ACT Inc., helps students in technical programs understand how prepared they are for specific jobs and careers in the same way ACT college entrance exam helps students determine how ready they are for academic study."

And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson

Shelton State's Theatre department will present **AND THEY DANCE REAL SLOW IN JACKSON** February 20-25 in the Bean-Brown Theatre. Jessica Stomps plays the central character of Elizabeth, and Amanda Anderson plays her mother. Russell Frost is her father. Michael Carr directs the production. Performances are Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m., February 21 at 2 p.m., February 22-24 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

Round Campus

- Shelton will hold Performing Arts Scholarship auditions on April 6. Applications may be picked up in the counseling center and must be returned by March 1. More info? Call Syble Coats, ext. 2270.
- Circle Monday, April 23, on your calendars. Alabama author Ben Erickson who wrote **A PARTING GIFT** will be the keynote speaker for the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.
- Martha Ann Hill was a speaker for the National Child Care Association conference in Las Vegas recently.
- Martha Hinkle of New Perspectives Day Psychiatric Treatment Facility was on campus recently to present Shelton's nursing programs with a gift of support to be used to further enhance Shelton's nursing programs.